



POWERING THE FUTURE Ground broken on new substation

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NORWALK — The Third Taxing District (TTD) Electric Department broke ground Thursday morning on what will be known as the Fitch Street Substation.

The roughly \$8-million project is intended to improve reliability and

achieve savings.

"The new facility will be fed directly from 4KV cables from TTD's existing East Avenue substation, eliminating the need for the use of 27KV cables from outside the district," said Jim Smith, TTD general manager. "The addition (of the) Fitch Street Substation will result in approximate savings of \$5 million

over the next 10 years. The savings will benefit our customers and allow us to serve the East Norwalk community more efficiently."

Smith and Mayor Richard A. Moccia were among the officials attending the groundbreaking at 6 Fitch St.

As a direct transmission owner,

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power will be provided directly from the New England power grid, removing CL&P's "transmission

charges" and ending TTD's dependence on CL&P's infrastructure, according to the taxing district. When complete, the

Fitch Street facility will be the district's first new substation since the Rowan Street substation was completed in 1980.